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SUBJECT: US-GOB CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM
DOCUMENT

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(D) SOFIA 1638

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON CHAVDAR DAMYANOV (CHIEF
MFA CULTURAL DEPT) AUGUST 11 TO INTRODUCE NEW P&C
OFFICER, DAMYANOV CONFIRMED GOB HAS COMPLETED ITS
REVIEW OF DRAFT CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT AND
SUGGESTED EARLY MEETING TO IRON OUT "MINOR CHANGES
IN LANGUAGE." MEETING SET FOR AUGUST 20.

2. DCM INFORMED DAMYANOV THAT, ASSUMING NO HITCHES
ON LANGUAGE CHANGES DEVELOP, WE PROPOSED TO INITIAL
AGREEMENT AND THEN MOVE TO NEGOTIATION OF PROGRAM
DOCUMENT SO THAT BOTH AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM DOCUMENT
COULD BE SIGNED SIMULTANEOUSLY, WITH APPROPRIATE
FANFARE. (AS DEPT AWARE, WE HAVE IN MIND THAT THIS
MIGHT BE DONE BY NACHO PAPAZOV DURING VISIT TO
WASHINGTON.) DAMYANOV WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC AND
NOTED APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTH INTERVAL WOULD BE
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NECESSARY TO SOLICIT VIEWS OF INTERESTED BODIES ON

PROGRAM DOCUMENT, BUT HE AGREED THIS PROCEDURE COULD BE FOLLOWED.

3. COMMENT: DAMYANOV'S HESITATION AGAIN CONVINCES US OF ESSENTIAL DESIRABILITY OF MOVING TO SPECIFICS BEFORE FORMALLY SIGNING UMBRELLA CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PLEASE PROVIDE BY NO LATER THAN COB AUGUST 18 CLEARANCE OF BULGARIAN TEXT, OR ANY CHANGES DESIRED THEREIN OTHER THAN THOSE COVERED IN REF A. (B) IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE BY COB AUGUST 18 DRAFT PROGRAM DOCUMENT SUITABLE FOR TABLING WITH DAMYANOV, AS DISCUSSED REF D.
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